Reply to Sunday School Circular.

Sir, The C. of ye S.S.S. has been duly received, and it is with great p. that I reply to it — making my communication, for your sake, as brief as possible.

The number of children now in our S. is 119. The n. of Teachers 21. The no. of Volumes in our Library is about 330, ~~most~~ carefully selected, and highly appreciated by ye children. You are not in need of testimony to ye value of regular meetings of Teachers ~~& well attended~~; ye whole time of which is faithfully given to ye interests of ye Sunday School. Still we desire never to be backward in ye expression of our belief of their importance, ~~even~~ nay their necessity, [in order] to an efficient and satisfactory discharge of each individual's duties to his or her class, and to ye cause.

The official adm. of our School is not essentially diff. from those with wh. you are well acqtd. We have lately created ~~the office of~~ ~~formed the office of~~ an new office — that of Female Supt. ~~whose~~ The Lady chosen to fill ye office is also one of ye Teachers. Her duties, as a Sup., are wholly external to ye School, & consist in visiting ye families ~~of~~ ~~those~~ who do, or who ought, to, send their children to ye School. It will be readily seen that there are occasion when a ~~lady [illegible]~~ visit from a lady would be acceptable & successful, & where a gentleman would fail of both.

With regard to ye 2 quest. you propose as to ye supply of a suff. no. of Teachers, and retaining children in ye school longer than is now ye case generally, I can only state my conviction that no other so sure means can be relied on to effect these two objects, as ~~[illegible]~~ introducing, ~~to a~~ with perhaps a few alterations, ye systematic method & course of instruction pursued in ye Brattle st. S.S. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~in Bra~~

We are happy to be able to state, in reply to ~~your~~ suggestions at ye close of your circular that we ~~[illegible]~~ made an engagement, in March last, with Mr. G. B. K. to give instruction in singing to ye child. of our S.

Ms. B.1.6 v.1, p.48